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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references 4 and 5 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

List of Related Art for IDS



Japanese Patent Publication	File Date	Publication Date	Comments
JP(P) HEI 09-138820	1995/11/15	1997/5/27	An operation distribution part distributes each operation process at each equipment and each operator based on the total number of production obtained by a production planning part, the arranging constitution of the equipments and the operators set by an arrangement designing part and each operator's grade of operation skill which is set in advance.
JP(P) HEI 11-353375	1998/6/5	1999/12/24	Described in the specification.
JP(P) 2000-76345	1998/9/3	2000/3/14	Described in the specification.
JP(P) HEI 10-240782	1997/2/21	1998/9/11	A technology that calculates a mounting cost by using personnel costs is disclosed.
JP(P) HEI 06-348482	1993/6/7	1994/12/22	To calculate design supporting system from Petri net model is disclosed.